

## Claims

1. A method of manufacturing a heat treated coated glazing panel comprising the steps of :
  - 5 providing a coated glazing panel comprising a sheet of glass, a transparent coating supported at at least one of the major surfaces of the sheet of glass and a protective coating comprising an organic or acrylic paint covering the transparent coating; subjecting the coated glazing panel to a heat treatment process in a furnace at a temperature of at least 550°C ;
  - 10 causing at least partial degradation of the protective coating during the heat treatment process .
2. A method in accordance with claim 1, comprising the additional step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating following the heat treatment process.
- 15 3. A method in accordance with claim 1 or claim 2, in which during heat treatment, the protective coating is transformed into a powder, preferably a powder which is absorbent with respect to infra red radiation.
4. A method in accordance with any preceding claim, in which the heat treatment process comprises tempering the glazing panel.
- 20 5. A method in accordance with claim 4 in which tempering is carried out in a furnace without the use of a heat balance system.
6. A method in accordance with any preceding claim, in which the step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating comprises treating the glazing panel in an industrial glass washing machine.
- 25 7. A method in accordance with any preceding claim, in which the transparent coating is an infra red reflecting coating.

8. A method in accordance with any preceding claim, in which the glazing panel is a heat treatable glazing panel.

9. A method in accordance with any preceding claim, in which the transparent coating is a sputter deposited coating and comprises a metal silver containing layer having a thickness of between 5nm and 30nm sandwiched between dielectric layers.

10. A heat treatable glazing panel comprising, in order :  
a glass sheet ;  
a transparent, infra red reflective coating layer ; and  
a protective coating comprising a layer of organic or acrylic paint.

11. A substantially haze free heat treated glazing panel comprising, in order:  
a glass sheet ;  
a transparent, infra red reflecting coating layer deposited on the glass sheet prior to heat treatment ;and  
traces of a layer of organic or acrylic paint.